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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The United States May Have to Fight for It.

LONDON, May 5.—Secretary Root's
"Monroeism" attracts much attention.
The Spectator in treating it says:

"The American who takes the trouble
to look the face cannot fail to be
convinced that the doctrine cannot be
supported on tall talk. America must
not imagine that if she ever gets into a
serious controversy with a great power
she will be treated as Lord Salisbury,
with the full consent of the nation,
treated as a second-rate power. Here we
should dread a victory over America, sup-
posing we were able to obtain it, only one
degree less than defeat. But it is idle to
suppose that the Continental Powers,
Germany for instance, would take such
things into consideration. Granted she
wanted to infringe upon the Monroe doc-
trine, Germany would not consider
whether America had physical power to
maintain it. If she had not, America's
historical claims would not be held to be
worth a struggle.

The Spectator then goes on to say that
no power would dream of invading Amer-
ica but Germany. The paper adds: For
instance, the latter country might get
into a dispute with Brazil and prepare to
occupy its territory. If America should
wish to enforce the Monroe doctrine she
must be able to destroy the German
fleet. Her present fleet, officers and men,
the article continues, are as good as
useless. There is no superior navy
and equals only in the sister navy of
Great Britain. But there are too few of
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Regarding the strength of her forces,
the paper says: Clearly, if, while Ger-
many is building ships, America is doing
little or nothing, America will not be in
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FILIPINO PLOTERS CAPTURED.

Natives Planned a Big Uprising in Manila.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A cable to the
Sun from Manila says: Rumors reached
the ears of the American authorities
here that a rising among the Filipinos
in this city was threatened on the day
the new Commission arrived. An in-
vestigation was made quickly, with the
result that about 100 natives were placed
under arrest.

Some Mauser rifles were found conceal-
ed in a cockpit in the outskirts of the
city. It was also learned that two rebel
tax collectors and recruiting agents were
working in the city.

Persistent rumors continue here re-
garding the fate of the town of Buluan,
in the southern part of Luzon, which,
according to unofficial letters received a
few days ago, had been attacked by a
force of 4,000 insurgents. The small
American garrison was compelled to
take refuge on the ships in the harbor.
The absence of an official report from
the commander of the troops impairs the
credibility of the many reports in cir-
culation.

A report from Cebu states that Major
Andrew, with a company of the Twenty-
third and a company of the Forty-second
Infantry, and Johnson's scouts, attacked
General Moxica on April 26th. The
rebels occupied fortified positions on three
hills. The fighting lasted three days,
when the rebels fled. The Americans
captured fifty rifles, nine cannon and
many prisoners. They lost two killed
and eleven wounded.

Vesuvius in Eruption.

NAPLES, May 2.—The activity of Ves-
uvius is becoming more formidable, and
the observatory officials announce that
the seismic instruments are extremely
agitated. A thick column of smoke is
issuing from the crater and the earth
shakes are violent.

The cable-car service up Mount Ves-
uvius has been suspended. Four Eng-
lishmen attempted to ascend the mountain
on foot, and eluding the vigilance of the
carabinieri, who form a cordon at a
height beyond which the ascent is con-
sidered unsafe, they approached the sum-
mit. Suddenly the volcano belched forth
a stream of lava and stones, which de-
scended upon the foolhardy tourists, who
were rescued in a terribly hurried man-
ner.

GATHERING OF BRAVES

Democrats Try to Make a Party.

NOT MUCH ACCOMPLISHED

Few Natives Were Present and the Session Ended in a Piliikia.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

About five hundred men attended
the meeting at Progress Hall last night
called for the organization of the Demo-
cratic Party. Many of those present
were Republicans who had come to see

how the Democrats would do. The
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served by a younger man. But the
audience wanted Dr. McGrew, and per-
sisted in their calls until he took the
platform. At his suggestion that he be
given an assistant, McCarthy was elected
and seated himself beside the vener-
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doubt that the Democratic party will
have a large following in the con-
duct of affairs in this Territory in the
future. I have not formed any 'state'
in connection with this meeting, as it
is only a preliminary meeting for the
Democrats of Honolulu to get acquaint-
ed with each other."

John Wise was elected secretary.

Wise thanked those who had hon-
ored him, and Mr. McCarthy said that he
felt greatly the honor conferred upon
him in having been elected vice-presi-
dent of this meeting. "During the pro-
ceedings of this evening," said he, "I
will try to act as the Doctor's other ear
to the best of my ability. As may of
you know, I have resided in this coun-
try for a very long time. I have never
voted but the Democratic ticket in the
States. My affiliations in the States be-
fore coming here were Democratic. I
was born a Democrat. When I was a
boy at home I always looked forward
to the Democratic torch-light pro-
cessions. American politics are to me
the same as they are to a great many
people here who have never voted them.
I have not had any active participation
in politics. I hope before long we will
all understand and direct the principles
of the Democratic party, and I have no
doubt that the Democratic party will
have a large following in the con-
duct of affairs in this Territory in the
future. I have not formed any 'state'
in connection